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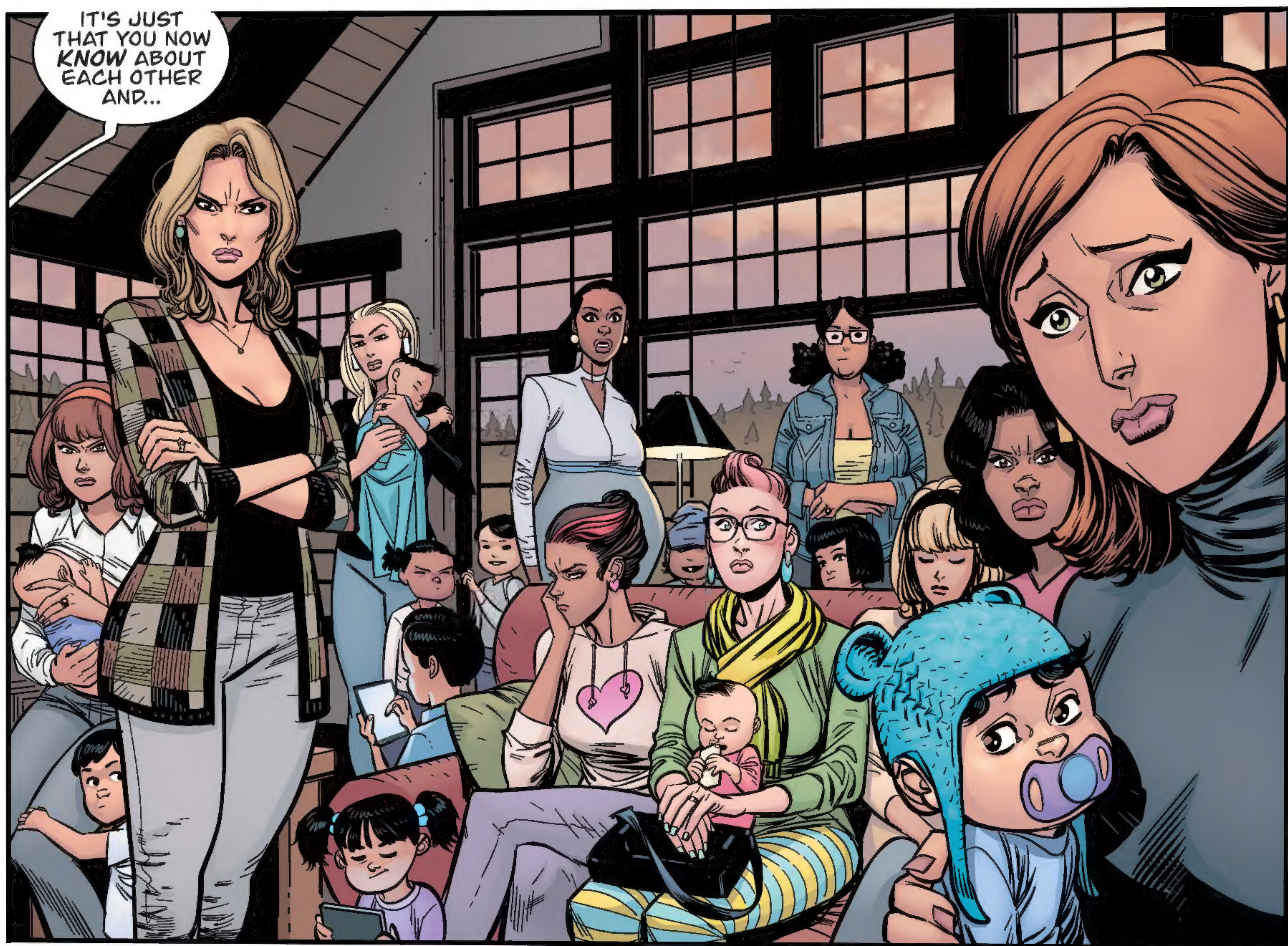
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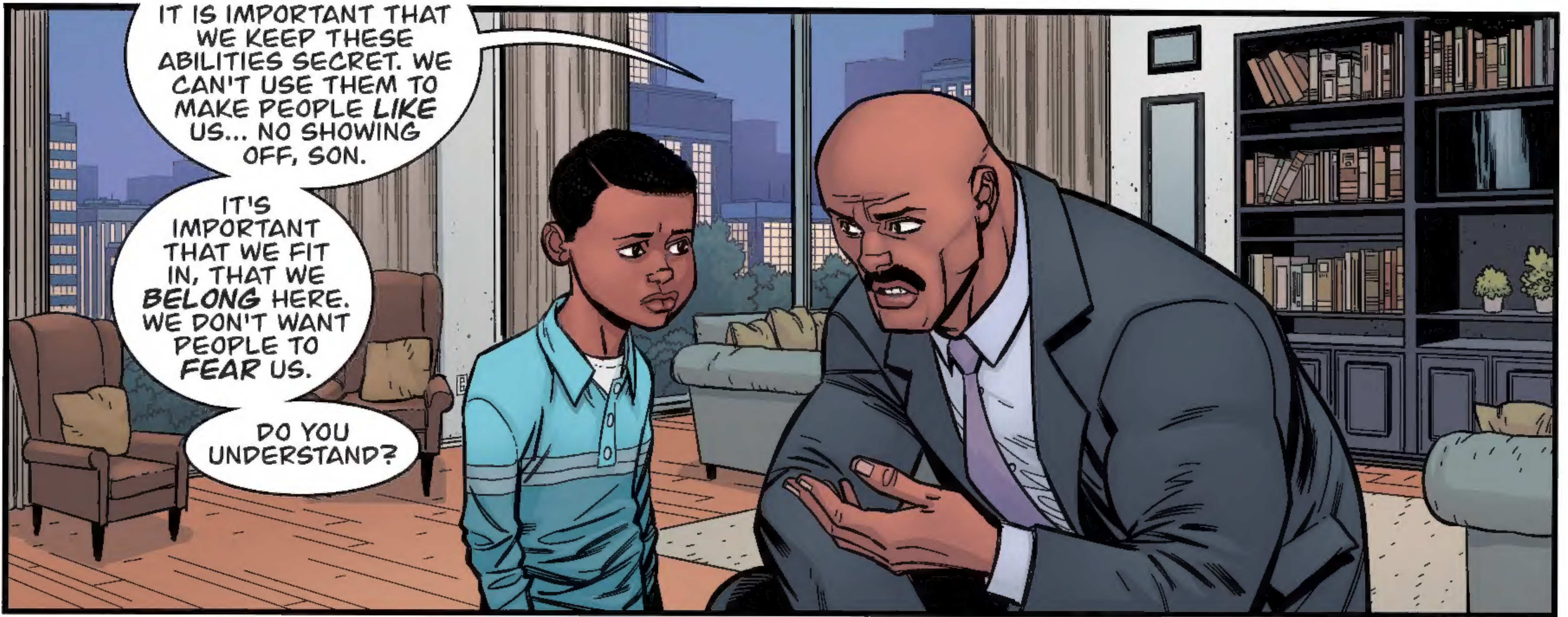
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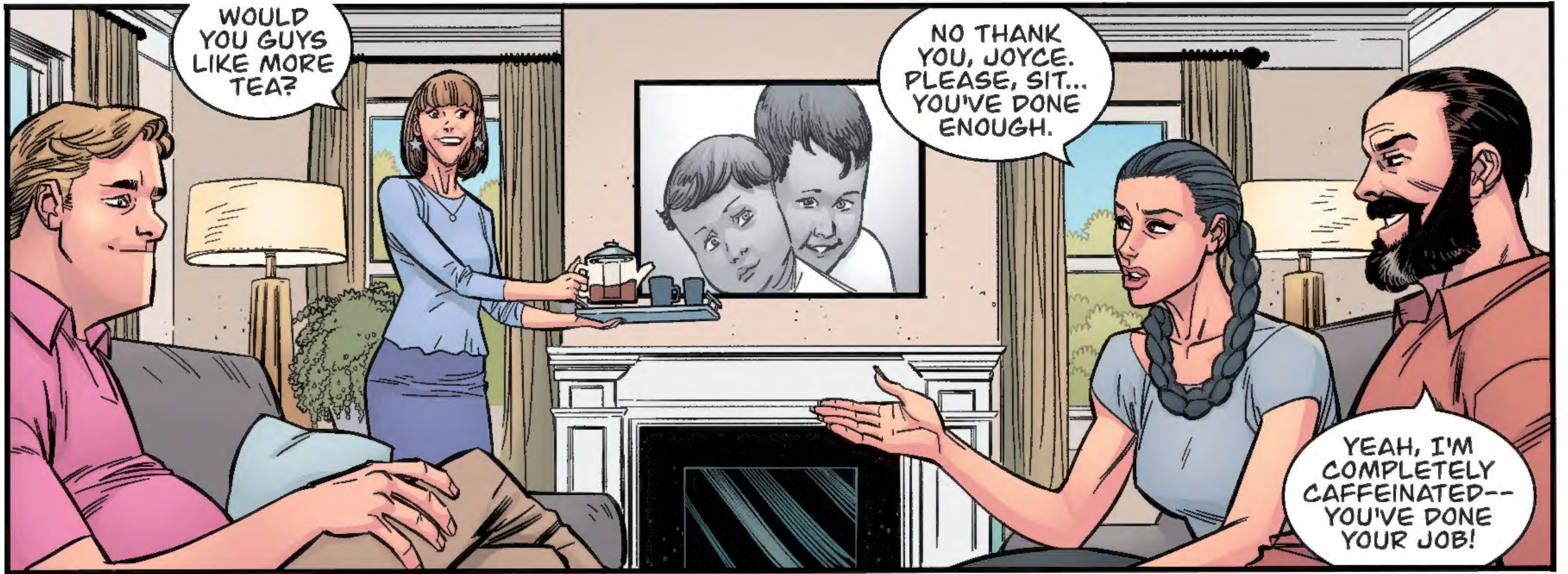
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WOULD YOU GUYS LIKE MORE TEA?

NO THANK YOU, JOYCE. PLEASE, SIT... YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH.

YEAH, I'M COMPLETELY CAFFEINATED-- YOU'VE DONE YOUR JOB!

SORRY, I'M A BIT OF A TEA ADDICT, MYSELF. I ALWAYS TRY TO PUSH IT ON OTHERS TO MAKE MYSELF FEEL BETTER ABOUT DRINKING SO MUCH.

WELL, THAT BACKFIRED!

THANKS FOR HAVING US OVER. WE'RE SO HAPPY TO BE MAKING NEW FRIENDS AT THE SCHOOL.

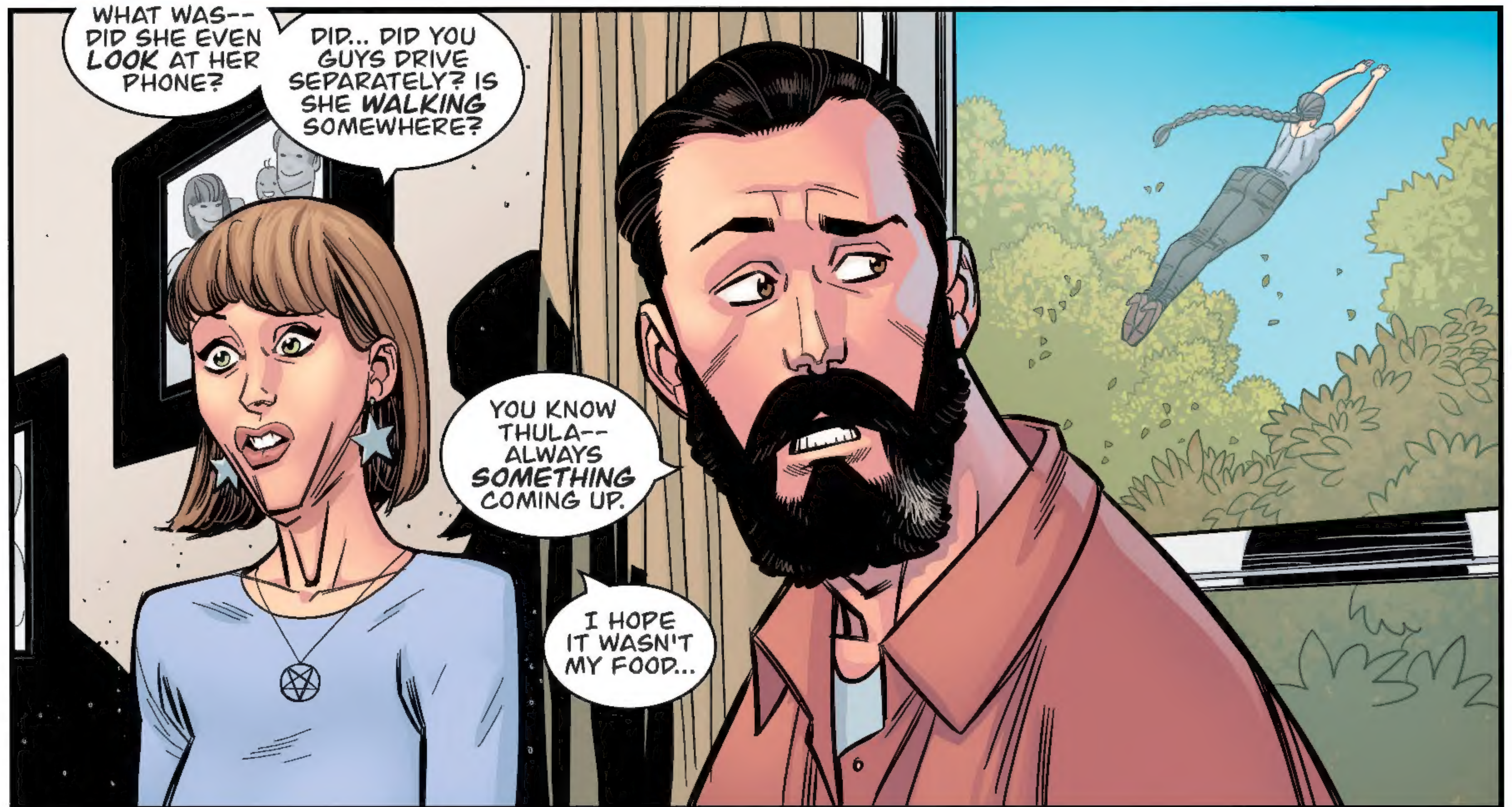
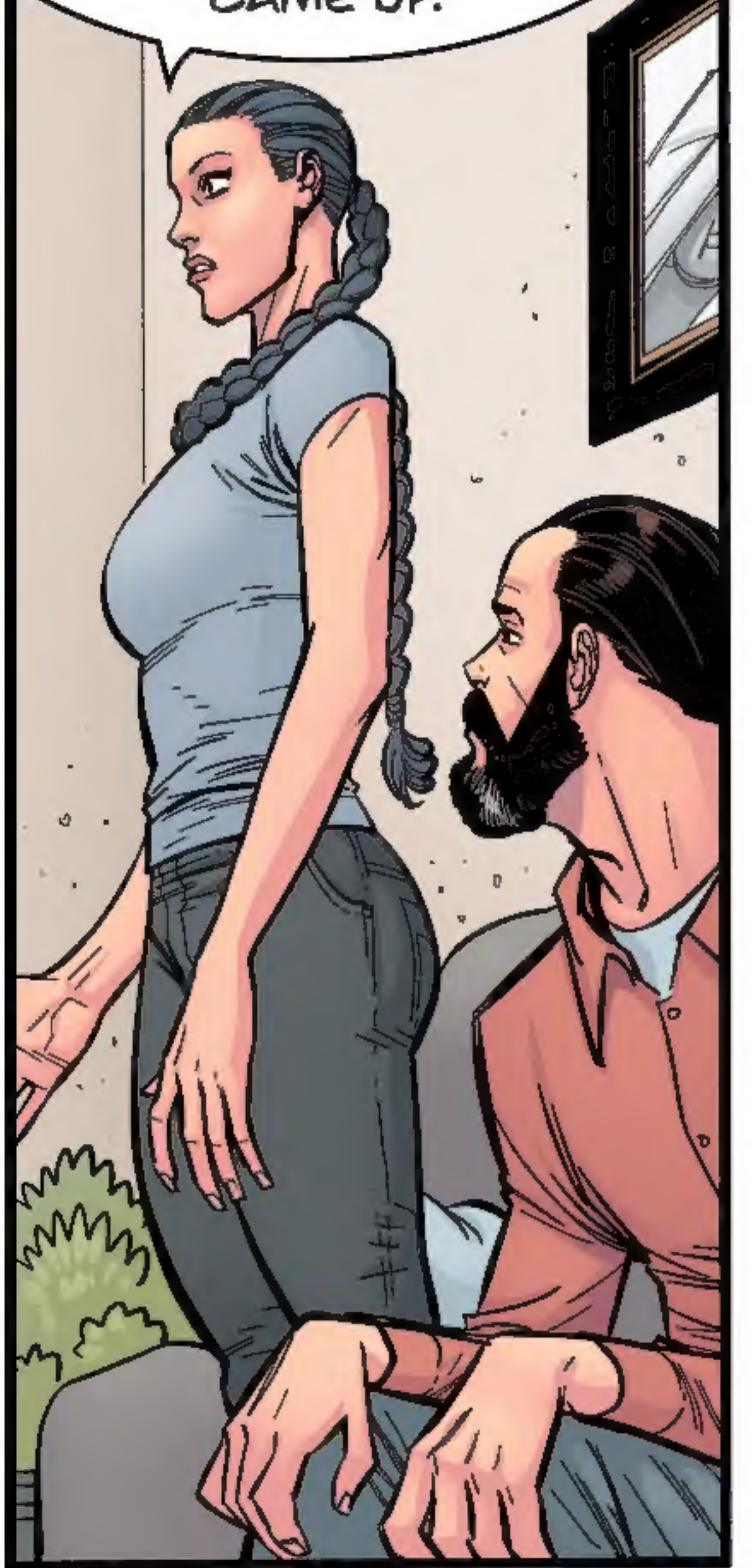
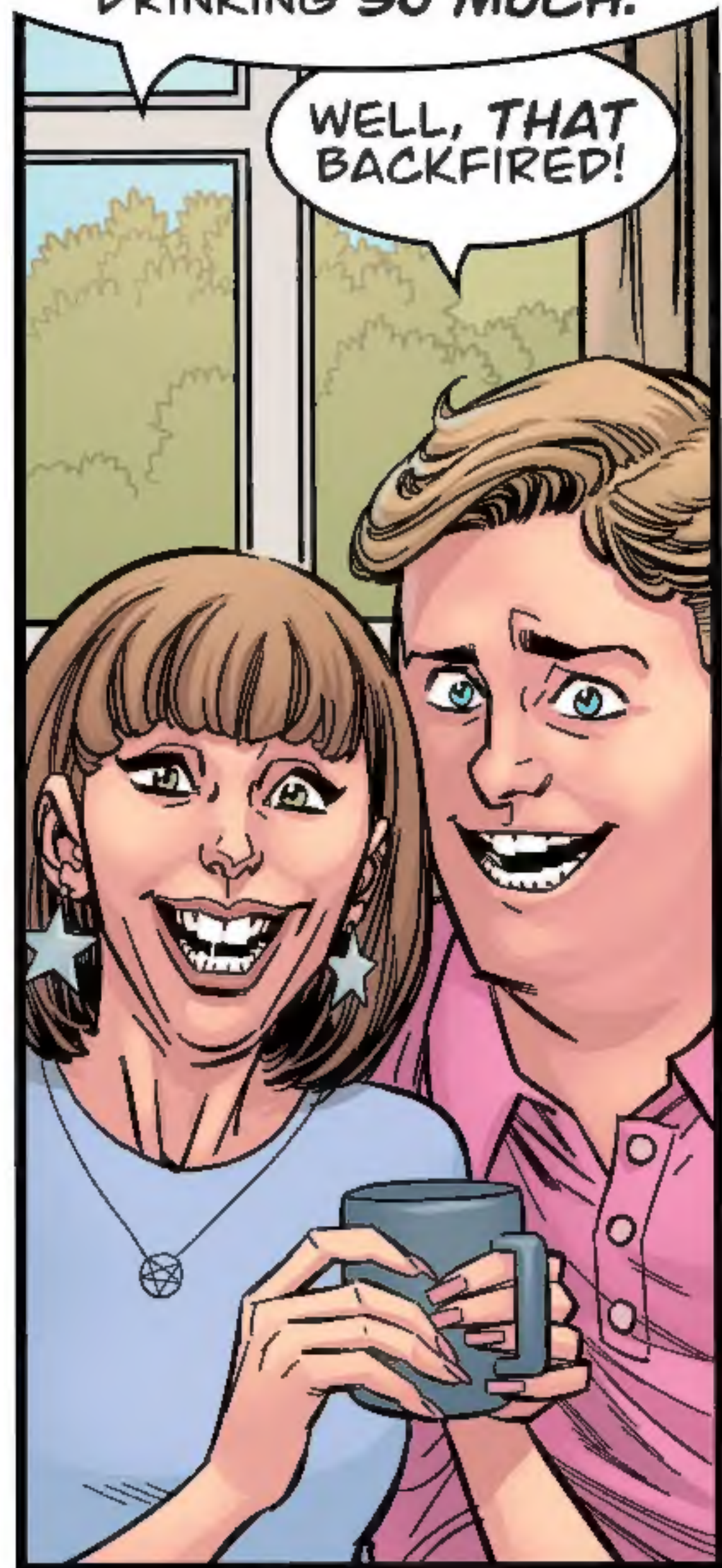
OUR KIDS GET ALONG SO WELL, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THEY ARE RIGHT NOW!

I'LL GO CHECK ON THEM.

UM...

WHAT IS IT, THULA?

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GO--I'LL JUST... I'LL SEE YOU BACK AT THE HOUSE? I'M VERY SORRY, JOYCE. SOMETHING CAME UP.

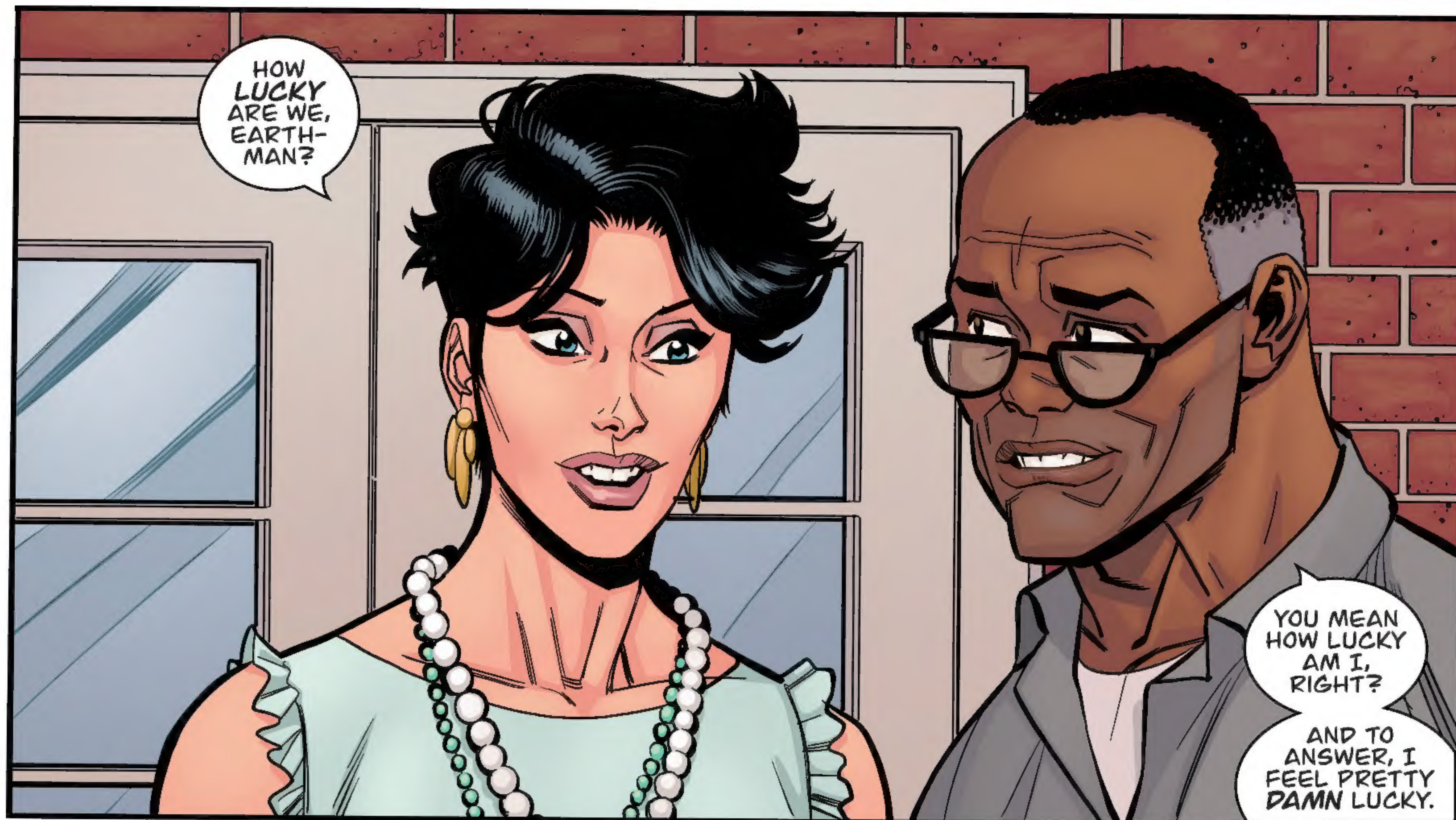
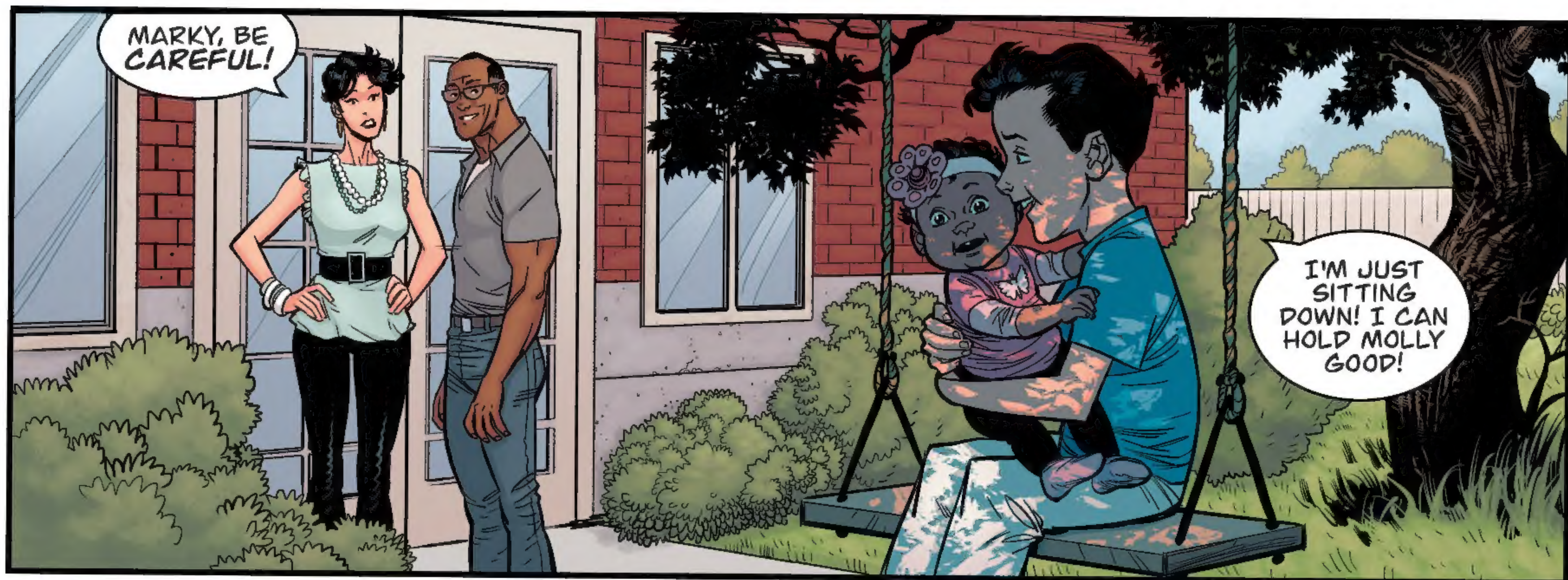


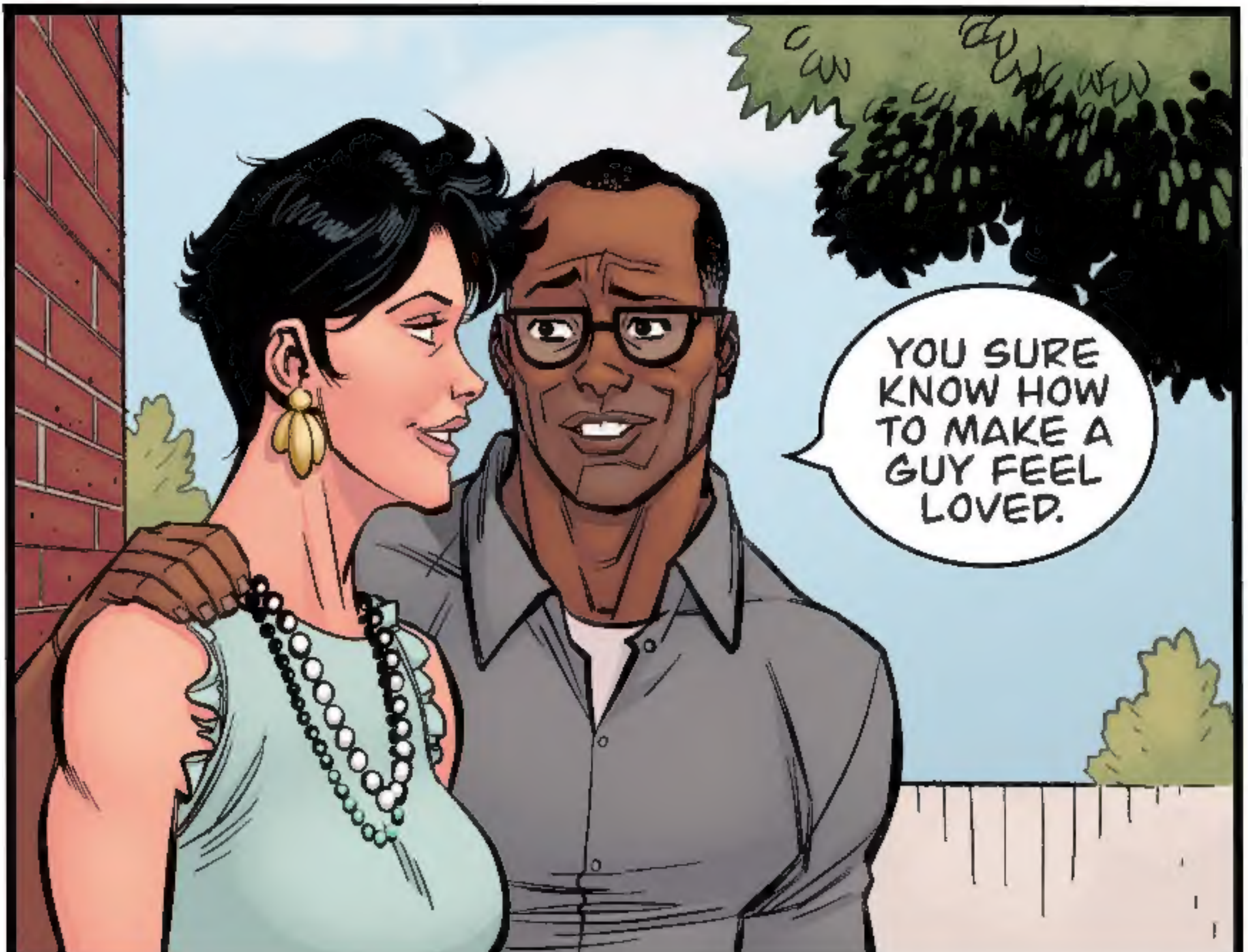
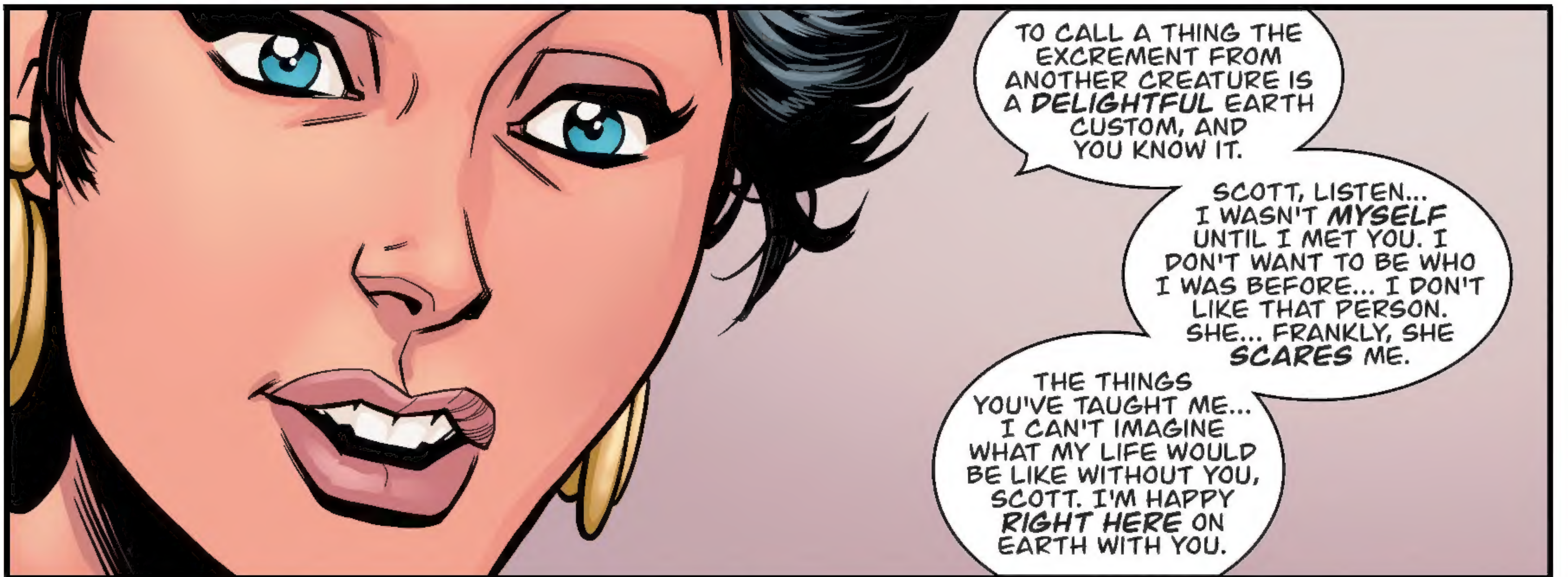
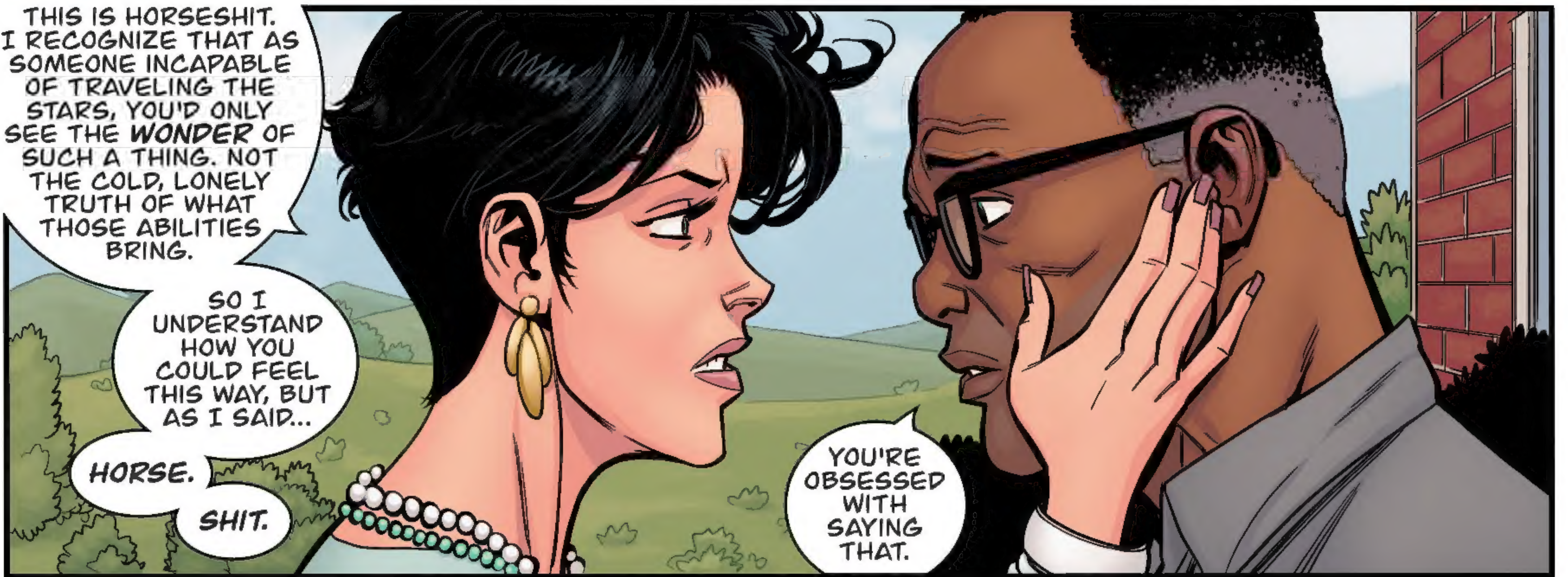
WHAT WAS-- DID SHE EVEN LOOK AT HER PHONE?

DID... DID YOU GUYS DRIVE SEPARATELY? IS SHE WALKING SOMEWHERE?

YOU KNOW THULA-- ALWAYS SOMETHING COMING UP.

I HOPE IT WASN'T MY FOOD...







THRAGG IS COMING, AND HE'S BRINGING HIS NEW VILTRUMITE ARMY. THEY GREATLY OUTNUMBER US... BUT THEY ARE NOT AS STRONG AS US... YET.

WE'VE LURED THEM CLOSER TO EARTH SO THAT YOU CAN ASSIST IN THE FIGHT. I KNOW THIS IS PUTTING ALL OF YOUR FAMILIES AT RISK, BUT THERE JUST WASN'T ANY OTHER WAY.

THIS WON'T BE AN EASY FIGHT--WE ALL KNOW HOW DEADLY THRAGG IS. I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR, I AM NOT ORDERING YOU TO ASSIST US.

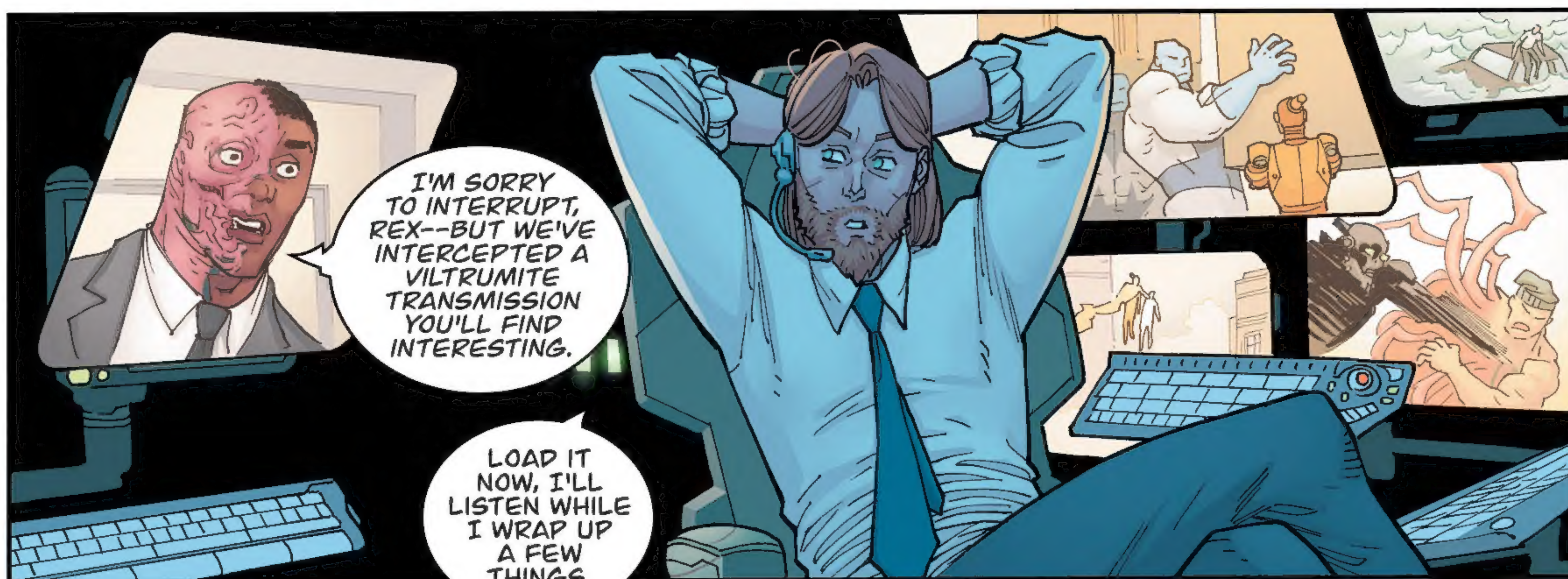
I AM SIMPLY ASKING THAT YOU CONSIDER IT.



WE DON'T NEED TO CONSIDER IT. IF THRAGG THREATENS EARTH--YOU CAN COUNT ON US TO STOP HIM.

YES.

WE WILL MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR WAR--AT ONCE!





I AM STILL NOT HAPPY WITH YOU. YOU FORCED MY HAND.

STOP LOOKING SO DAMN PLEASED WITH YOURSELF, SON.

DON'T I KIND OF ALWAYS DO THAT? ISN'T THAT OUR THING? YOU WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING--I JUST TAKE AWAY THE CHOICE.

I'M SORRY, I CAN'T HELP IT. MY PLAN WORKED.

AND YOU DON'T YET KNOW THE FULL CONSEQUENCES OF THIS PLAN.

I KNOW THAT. I DO.

I JUST HONESTLY THINK IT'S A WIN IN AND OF ITSELF TO SEE VILTRUMITES... **CARING** FOR THEIR FAMILIES ON EARTH.

THERE'S STILL A LOT LEFT TO NAVIGATE. WE HAVEN'T WON JUST YET.

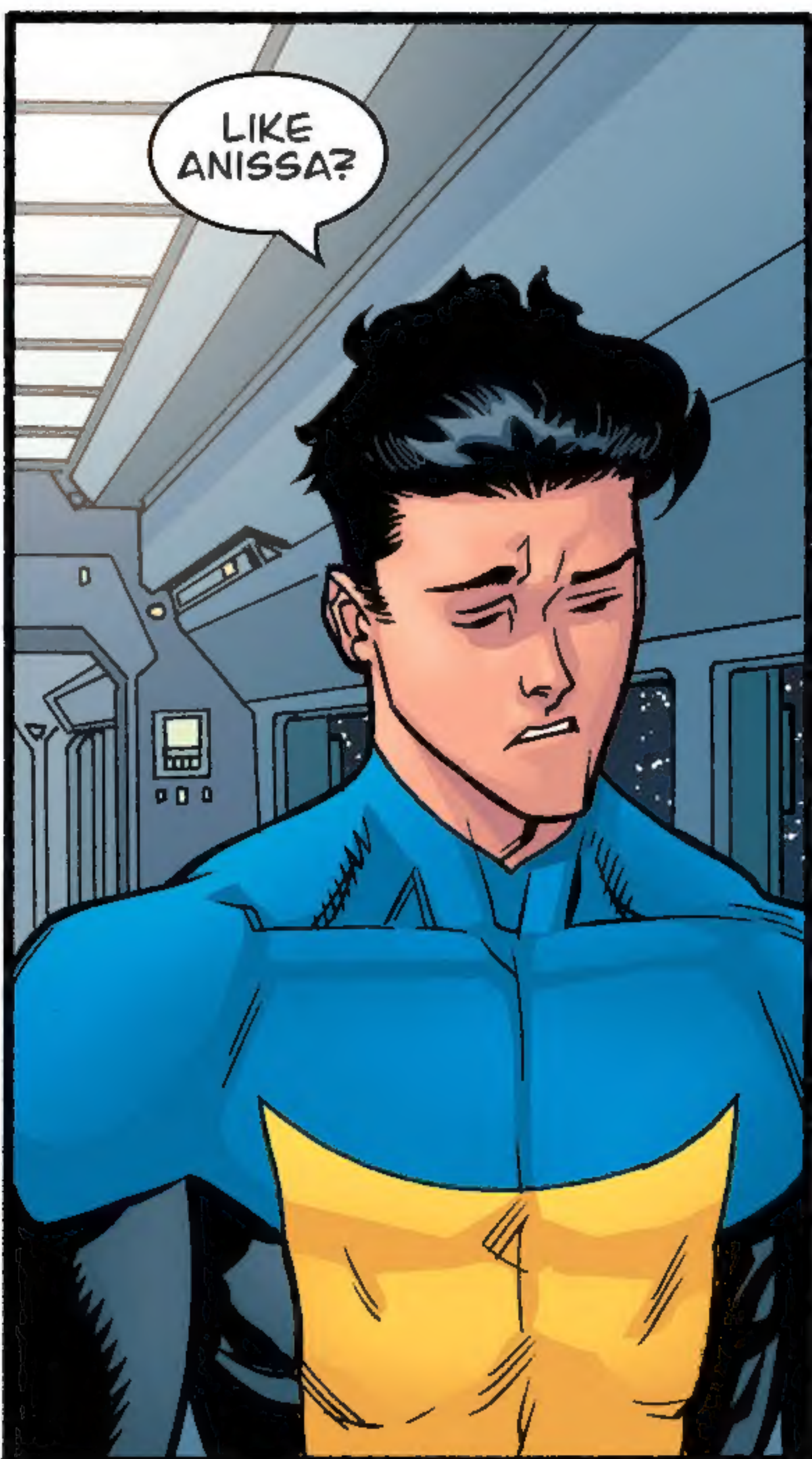
I KNOW, I KNOW.

IT'S JUST... I DON'T KNOW, **REASSURING** TO SEE IT TAKING HOLD SO QUICKLY.

IT'S NOT EXACTLY A **NEW** PHENOMENON.

I WILL ADMIT, TO SEE THE CHANGES OUR TIME ON EARTH HAS BROUGHT EVEN TO THE HARDEST VILTRUMITES AMONG US... IT IS REMARKABLE.

SOME OF THEM-- SEEM ALMOST COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.



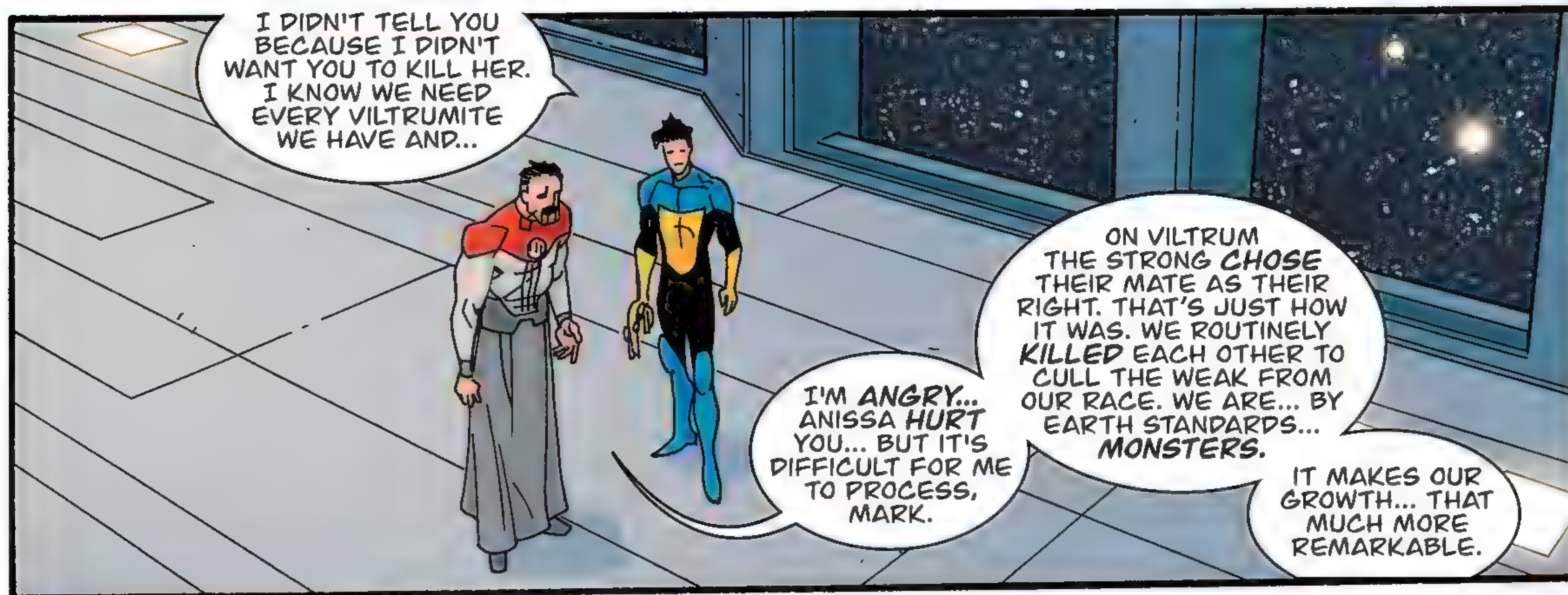
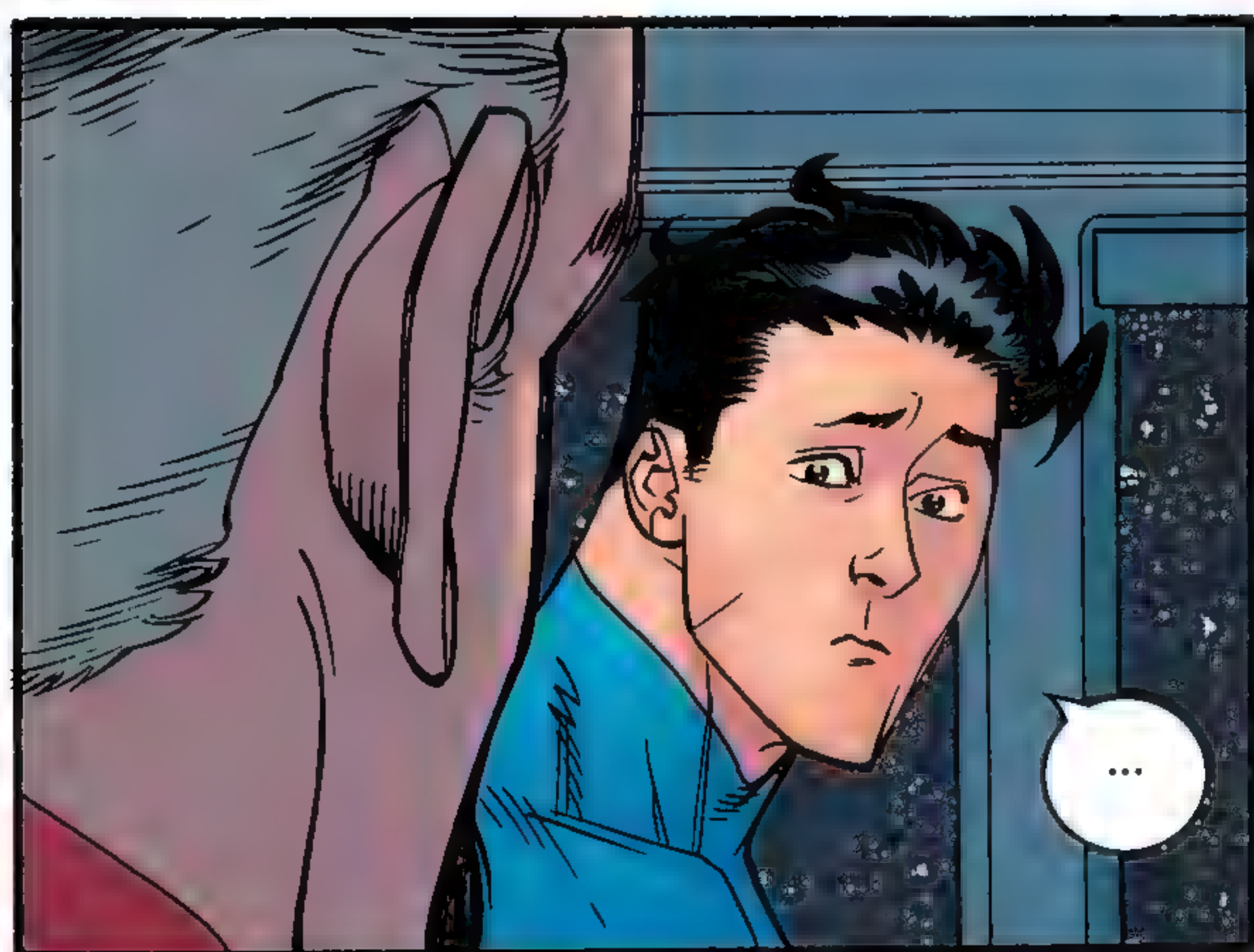
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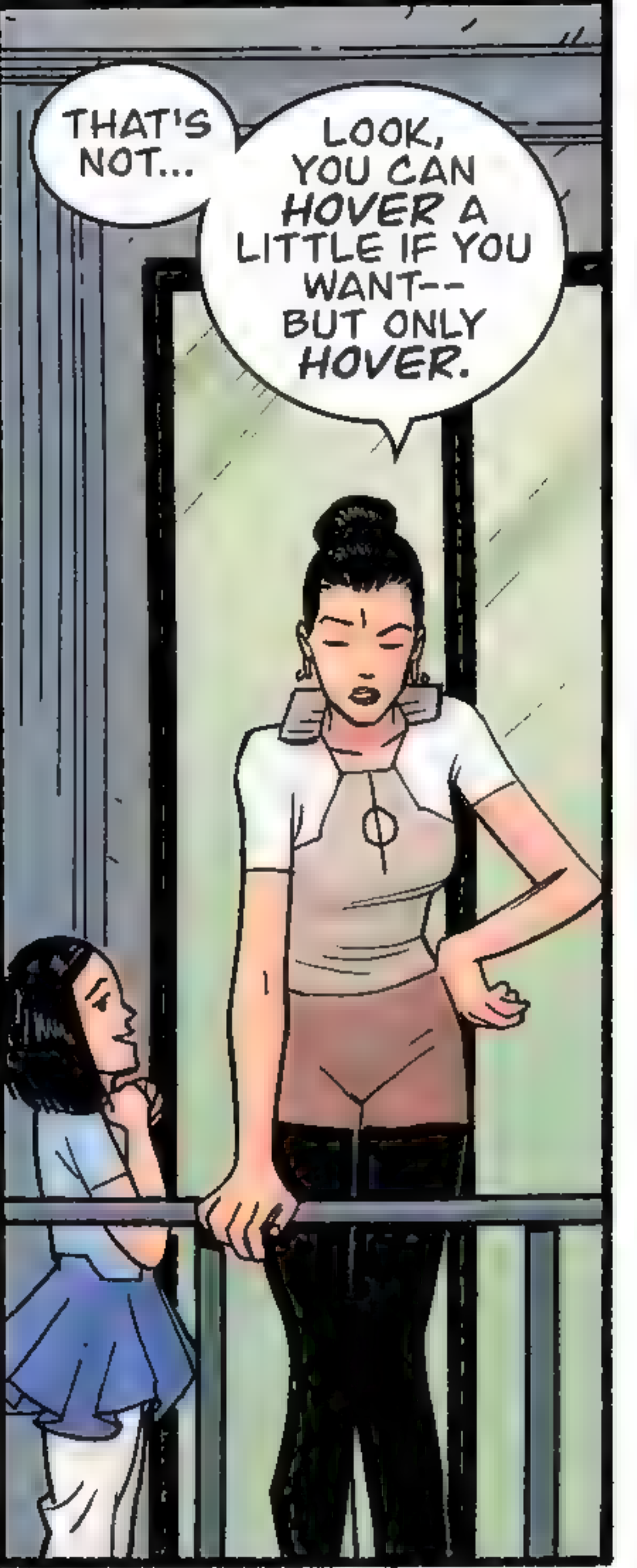
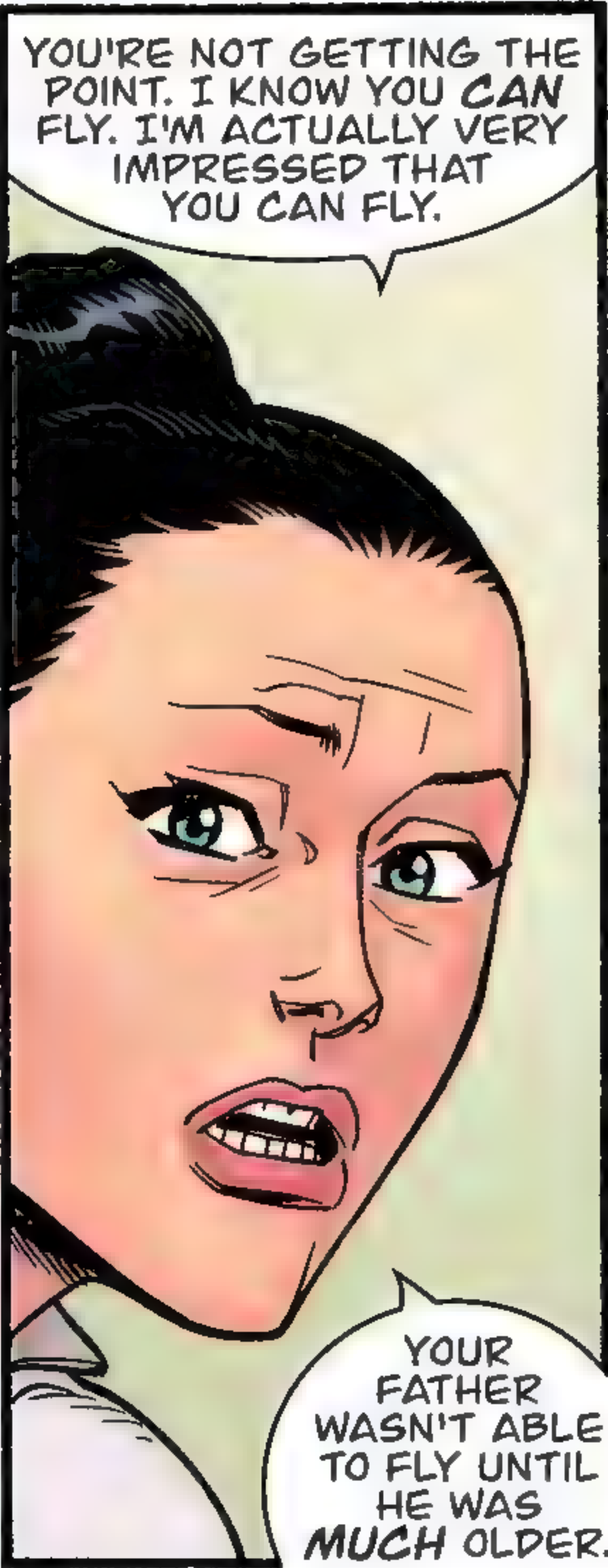
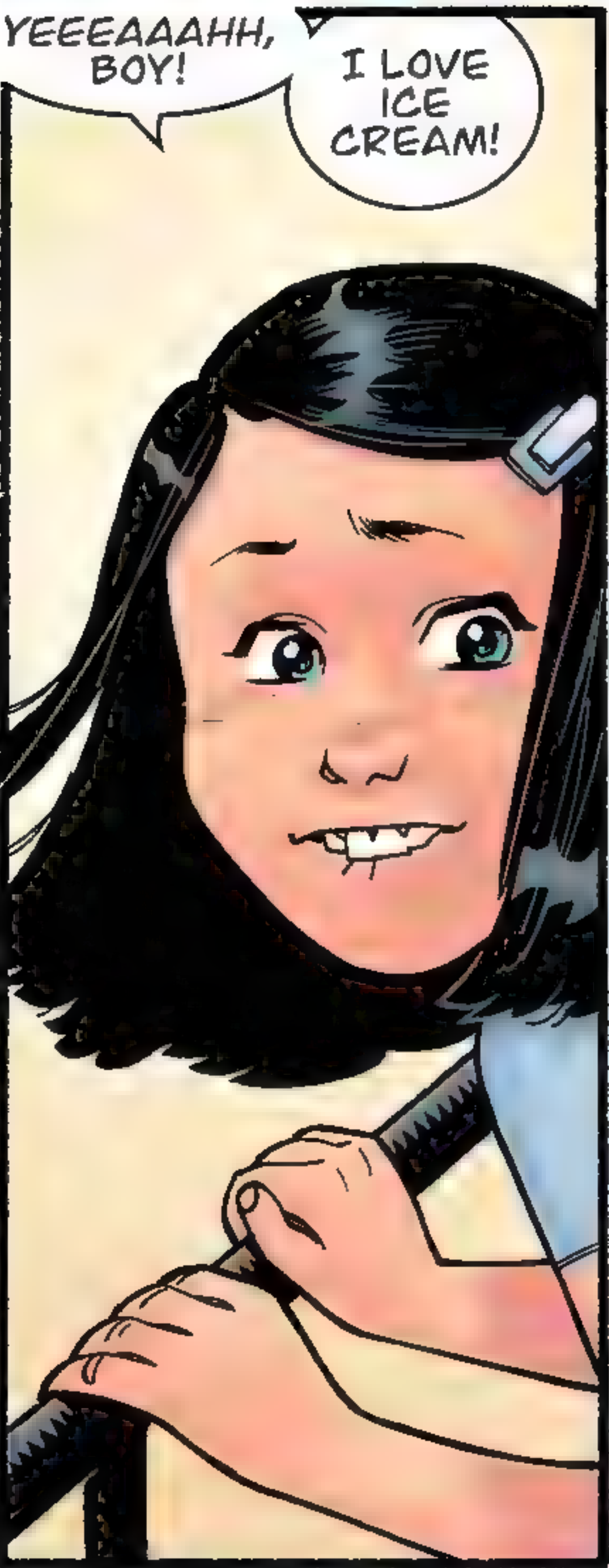
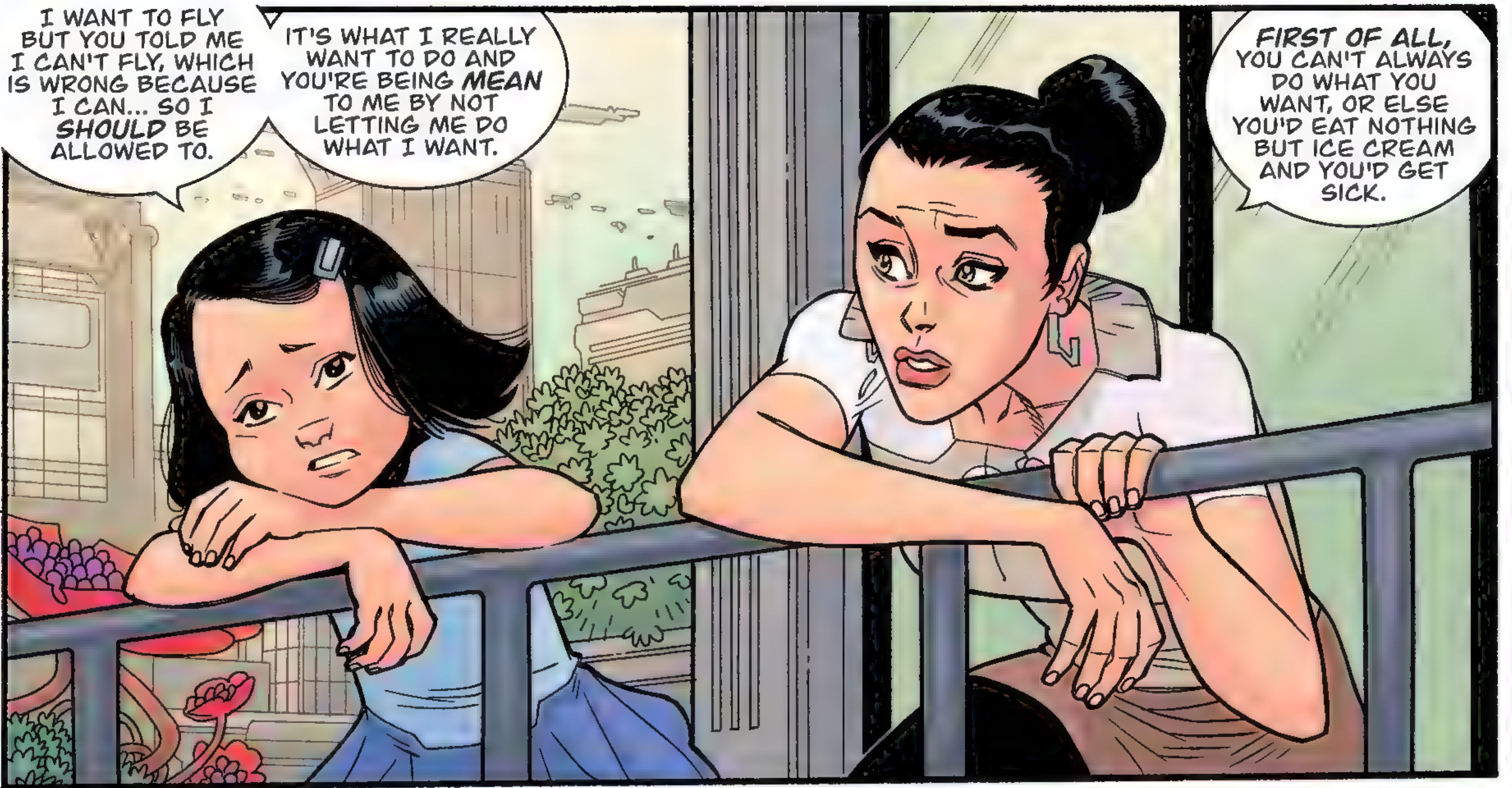


MARK-- WHAT IS IT BETWEEN YOU TWO?



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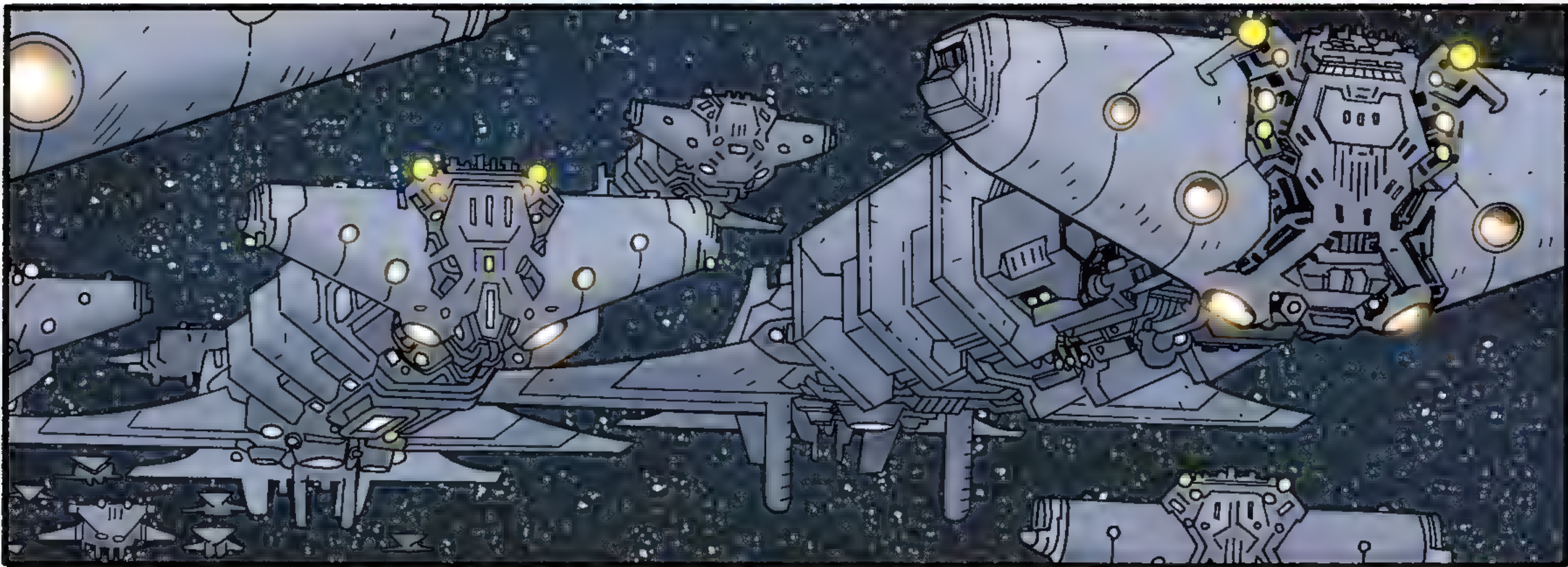






TERRA,
GET US
BACK TO THE
BALCONY
RIGHT
NOW!

I CAN'T!



YOU'RE GOING TO BE OKAY. I TALKED TO THE DOCTORS, AND THEY SAID YOU'RE HEALING UP NICELY. YOU'LL BE IN FIGHTING SHAPE IN NO TIME.



I'M SORRY, URSAAL. I'M SO SORRY I DIDN'T DIE.



WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?



I WILL TRY HARDER IN MY NEXT BATTLE--IF I DIE FOR OUR CAUSE, MAYBE THRAGG WILL NOTICE ME...
...MAYBE EVEN LEARN MY NAME.



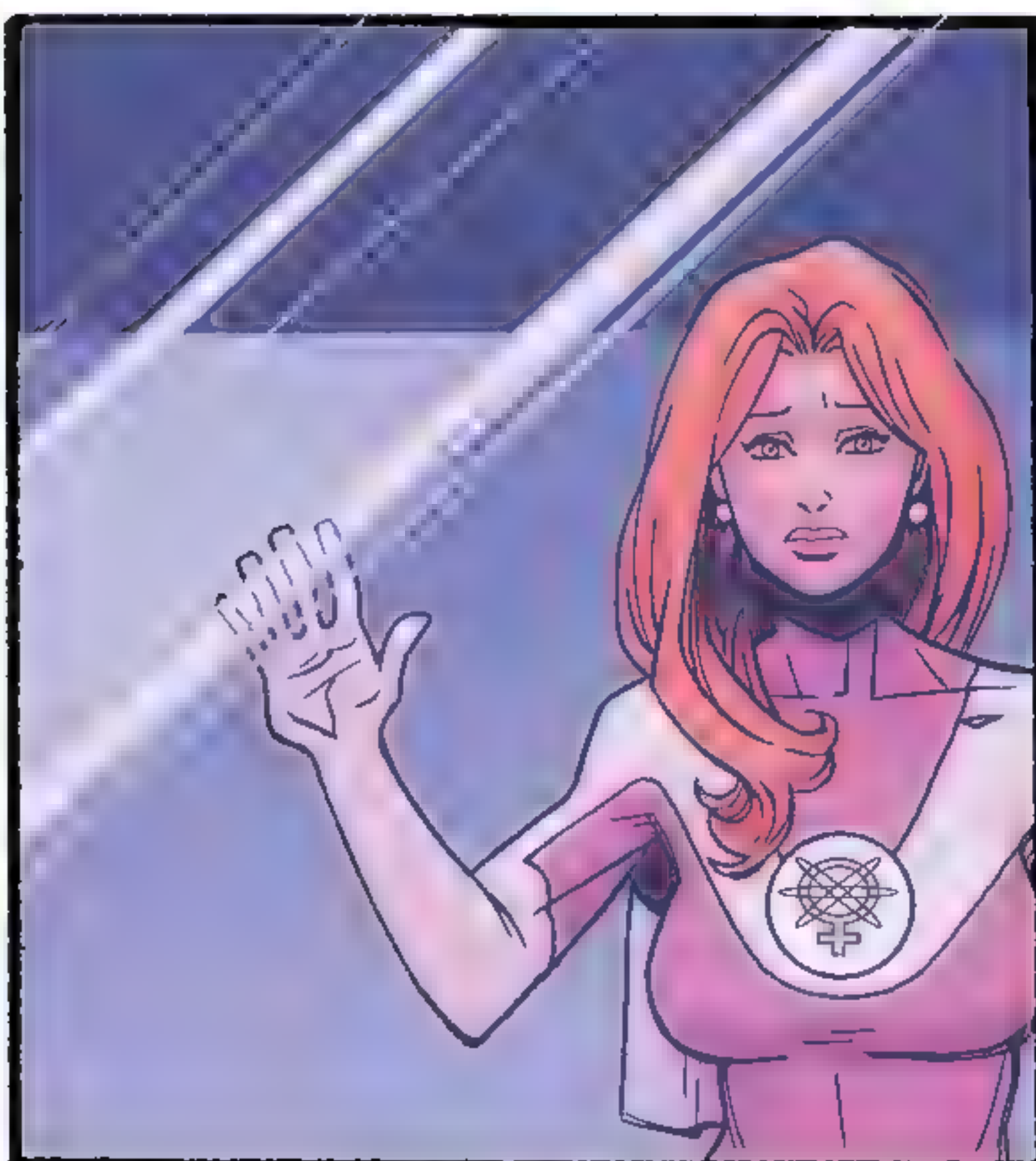
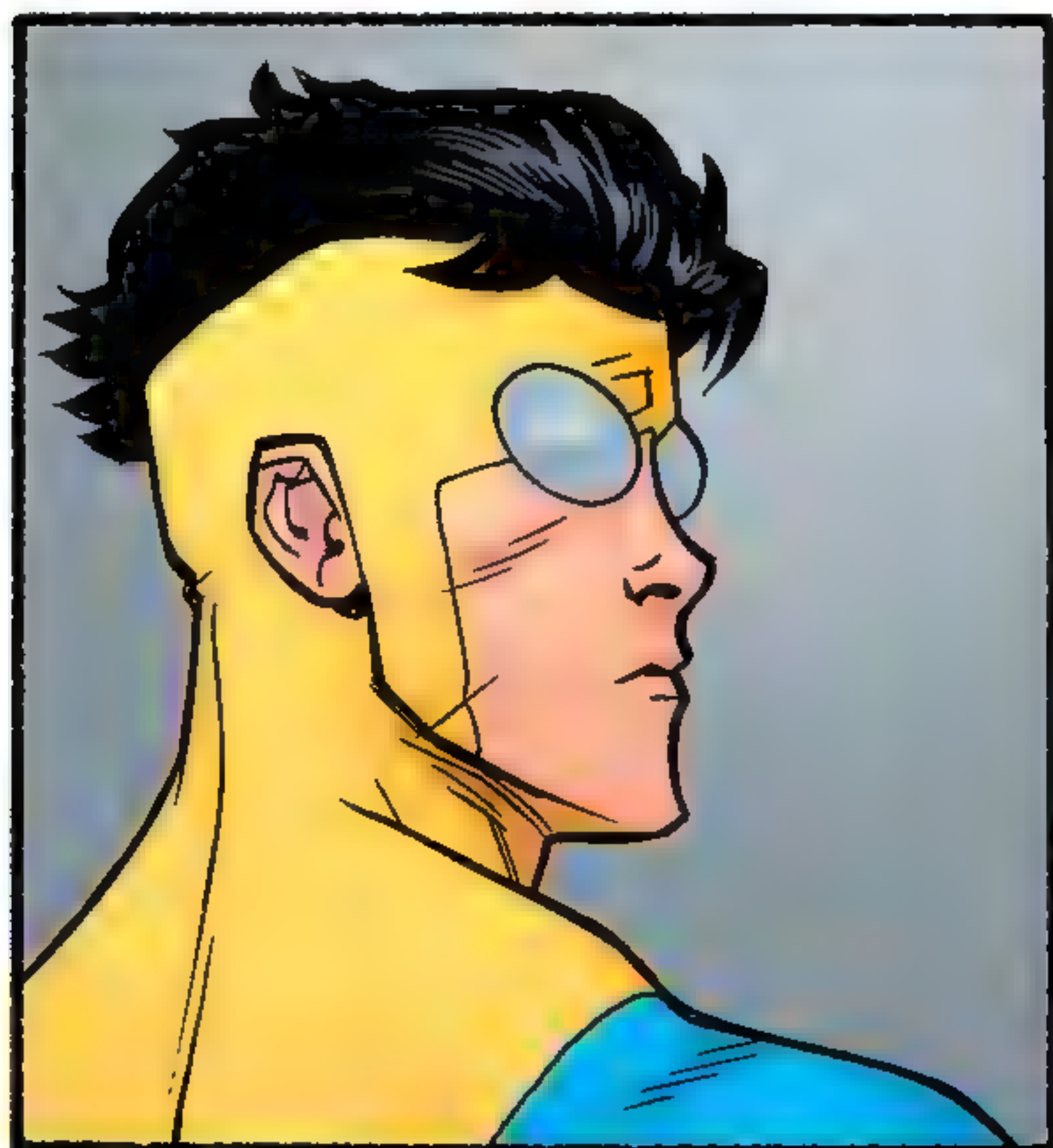
OUR FATHER LOVES US ALL. YOU HAVE TO KNOW THIS. WE WERE CREATED FOR A **GRAND PURPOSE**--TO RESTORE THE EMPIRE TO ITS FORMER GLORY. YOU DON'T NEED TO DIE TO EARN HIS FAVOR, YOUNG ONE.
YOU NEED TO LIVE.





THEY'VE
ALMOST
CAUGHT UP
TO US--
IT'S TIME
TO GO.

YOU
READY?



YEAH.
I'M
READY.

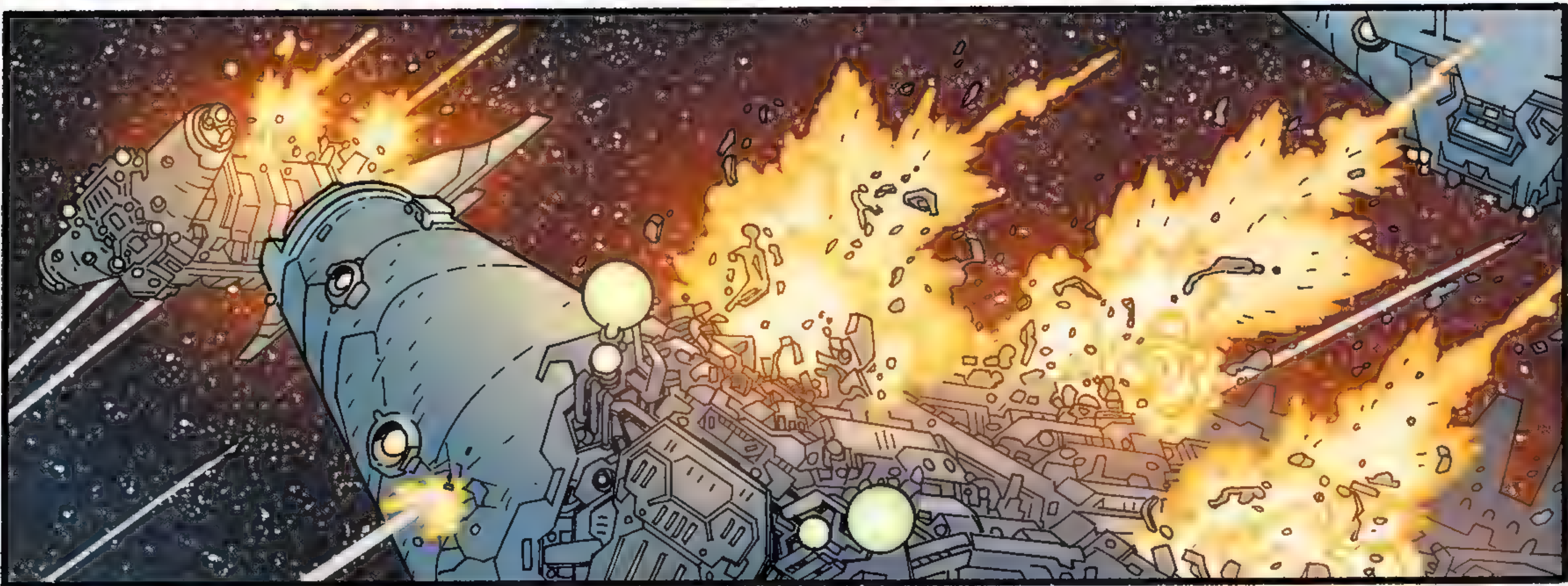
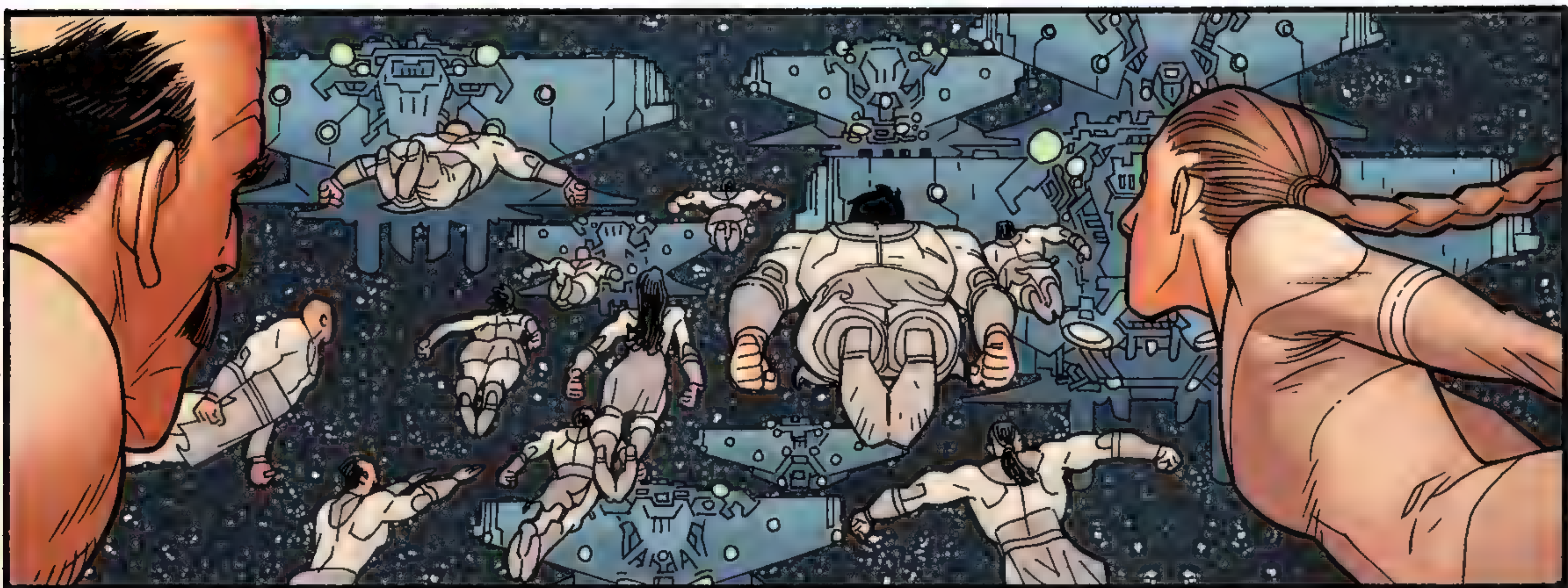


JUST CURIOUS
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WE'RE FLYING SO
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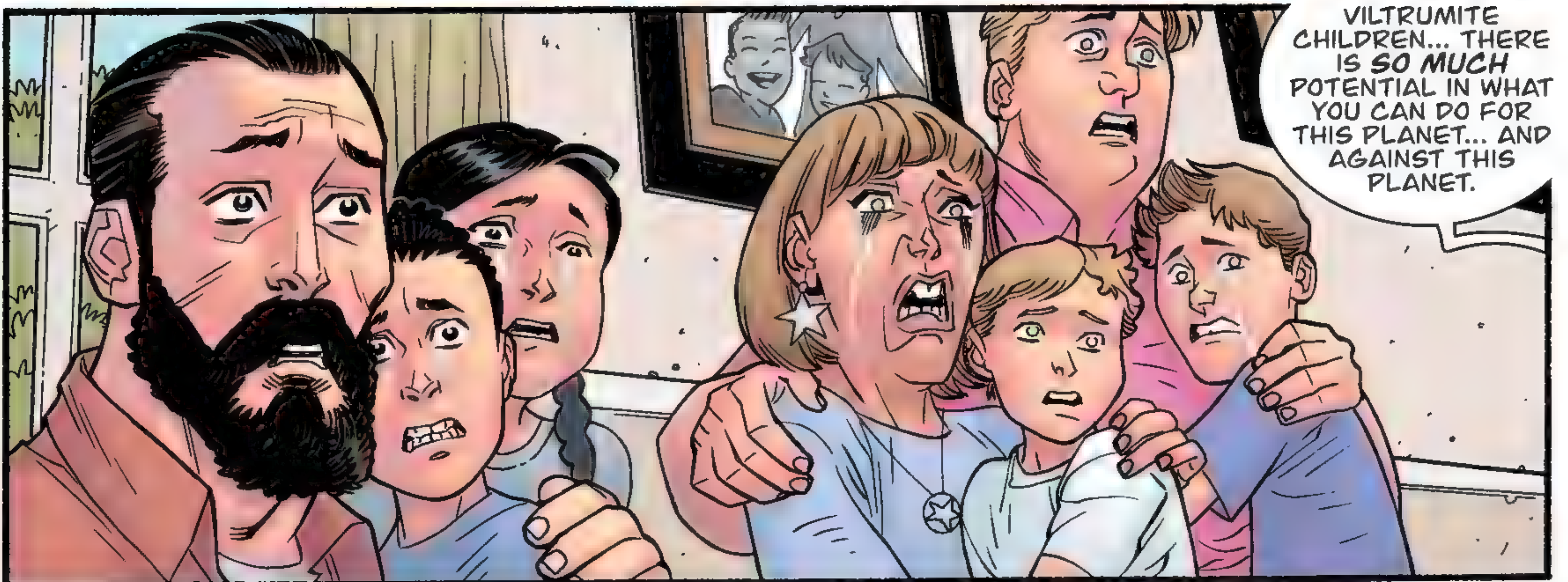
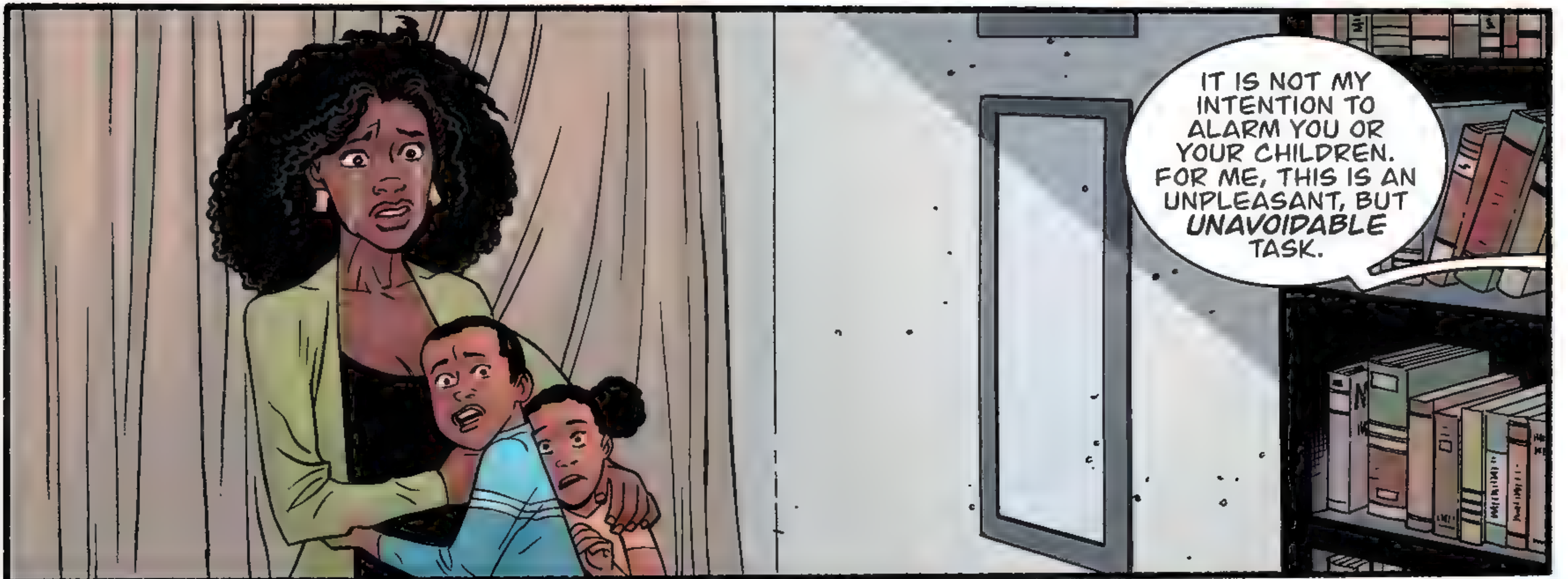
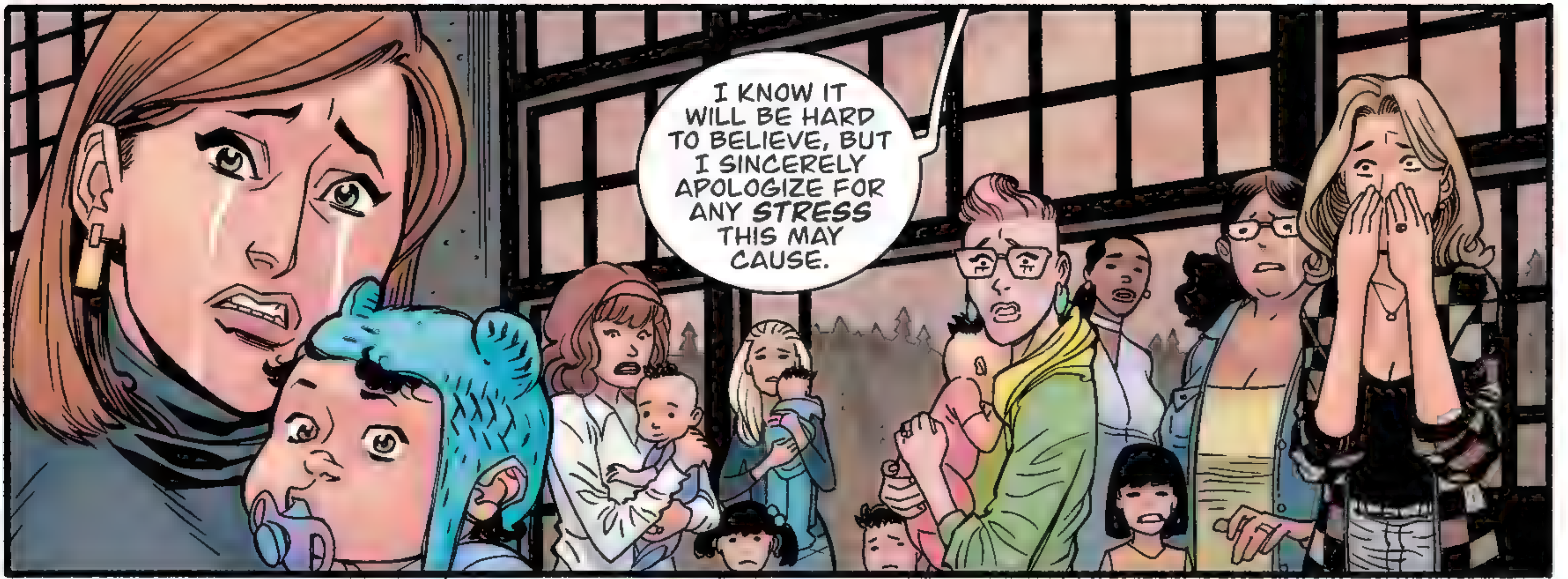
OH,
YEAH--AN
AWESOME
REASON--

"--IT'S SO THEY
CAN'T SEE OUR
ADDITIONAL FORCES
UNTIL IT'S
TOO LATE."









...IT'S FOR
YOUR OWN
GOOD.





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We ALL knew Tether Tyrant would be back. Maybe not so much Insomniac or The Walking Dread, but you never know who will show up in these pages before the end of the series. So, if you have any requests, let us know! Time is running out. Act now!!!

Yeah, get those requests in soon. Another month or two and I'll be done writing this book... forever... and... and I...

I'll be...

Let's just answer some mail.

Robert, Sean,

Invincible #135 was...let's say...Just as good as God Country #4!! Space Racer sure has a lot of tentacles on his head, huh?--George Lucas and company take note.

Space Racer actually has ZERO tentacles on his head. They're ridges. I mean, we've never shown him with his helmet off, so maybe you're right. But I'm betting on ridges, and would ask Ryan to not draw tentacles just so you are wrong. Is that fair? Of course not!

He's had his helmet off! Issue 85 or 86, I think. Checking... HA! No, issue 67, he's getting checked out by doctors, helmet off. SECOND APPEARANCE, you suck, SEAN!

I know! But that just confirms that Space Racer DOESN'T have tentacles, so Shaw sucks HARDER.

I didn't recognize the shark-lady from the cover, is she new? **SAVE INVINCIBLE!!!**...should I have put a Hashtag or whatever? As pat of my **SAVE INVINCIBLE** campaign, such as it is, I'll point out that: BPRD Hell On Earth went 147 issues--like 3 more months would've killed em?--to what will be 144 issues for Invincible! I know, I know, this isn't "Top This" or anything. As ever, a great issue!!

Cheers,
Andrew J. Shaw

Damn it, Shaw. It's good to have you back! "Is that Shark-Lady new?" If by new, you mean she's been in the book for over TWENTY ISSUES! (first appearance in issue #106). C'mon, SHAW! Pay attention!

As far as any attempt to "SAVE INVINCIBLE" is concerned... it's flattering and we will all miss this book, but I assure you it's time. It's not like we couldn't keep going if we wanted to. The story is wrapping up, and to keep it going past that would be repetitive and boring! We don't want that, right?! We're going to go out on a high note, I hope you all enjoy it!

Think of all the new books we're all going to be able to do with the time usually spent on INVINCIBLE! Get exited for new books!

But in confidence the other day, Robert did spoil some aborted storylines, and... you're not missing that much.

Hey folks,

Love the series and loving this last arc so far. Hate to see the book end but much better it wrap up nicely instead of just plodding on into eternity.

Agreed! Take note, Shaw!

But um, where the fuck is Best Tiger? If memory serves he went into hiding when Rex went power mad but we never saw him again. Am I really to believe he got an off screen death? Best Tiger don't go out like that. As if he would let Rex catch him anyway.

BEST TIGER WILL NEVER DIE! *He will be seen again. I know I've said I don't plan on doing any INVINCIBLE tie-in books... but I'd consider it for Best Tiger. He's the best!*

So you got 9 issues left, Best Tiger better make a scene or I'm going to be one sad panda.

Cheers,
PKC

Best Tiger is still out there. But maybe he's like the Russian in The Sopranos and we just never see him again. Who knows?! Maybe you should just be happy that you got Tether Tyrant this issue. Who is easily the 49th most popular character in this comic.

I would dispute that, Sean. I think there's more than 48 characters before you get down to Tether Tyrant!

Prove it!

P.S. looking forward to the film adaptation. Normally I'd be wary but seeing what those guys did with Preacher I'm pretty excited. Congrats!

I strongly feel that it's going to be awesome.

Dear Favorite Comic Book,

There's no other comic I read slower than Invincible. I breath in every page slowly and taste the beautifully hand drawn pencil and ink lines. Lathering myself in the myriad of colors and tones, I roll fancy free over the eloquent dialogue bubbles of masterfully written satirical macabre dramaction (drama/action). That being said.....

What is Dinosauras' Origin??? The guy gets bored and turns into a smart T-Rex? You have the best origin stories to your characters and don't have time to get to all of the fanboy questions about Science Dog, but come on. He was the main villain of the awesome 3-part lead to issue 100! And it's ok if it's silly, I'm fine with him going on a class trip to a museum, and eating what he thought was Turkey jerkey but to his surprise turned out to be was cloned Tyrannosaurus meat. Afterwards, he went on a boring museum tour, transforming the meat into his DNA as it digested. ???....

Thank you for ending Invincible, because every great story needs an ending and this truly is a work of art.

Love,
Bill Axt
@HeAxtMe

I've always wanted to know this, too! Maybe it's because I started working on INVINCIBLE when Dinosaurus's arc was wrapping up, but I want to know more. I miss that guy.

I'll admit here in this letters column (and deny it later) that I never bothered to think of an origin of Dinosaurus, or if I did have one back then, I've forgotten it. But isn't "got bored one day and turned into a smart dinosaur" an origin in and of itself? What if we have just never been bored enough to turn into a smart dinosaur, but the potential rests within us all, dormant... ready to come out?

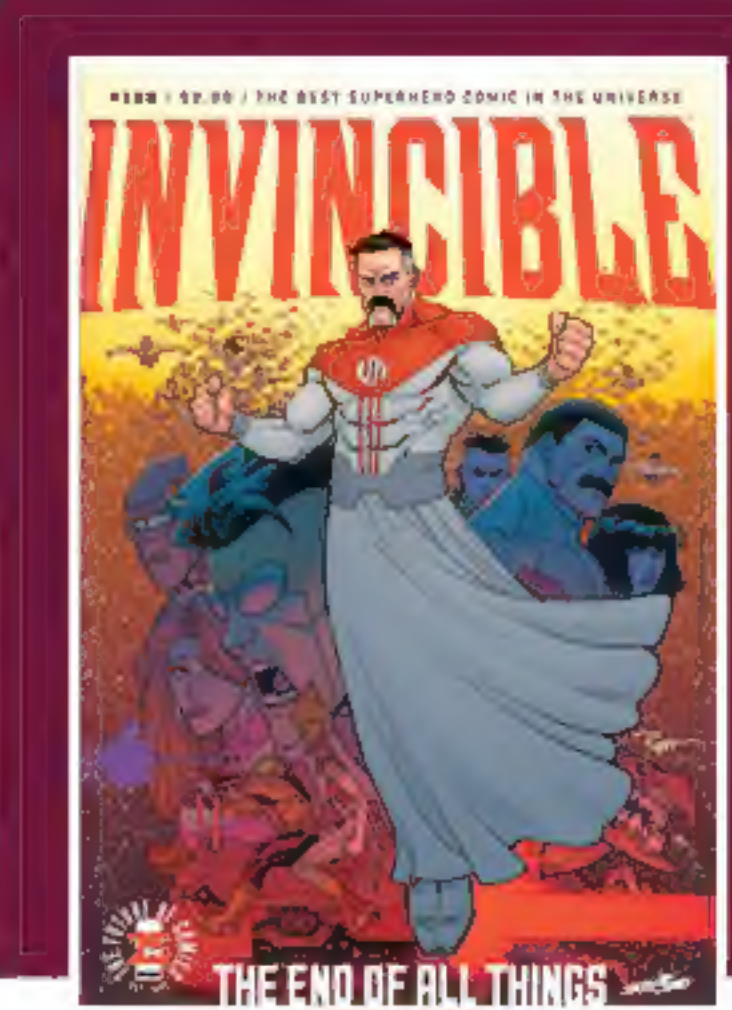
It's about to go down—in space! It's the halfway point to our final arc, and Ryan Ottley almost died drawing this issue. It's true!

-Sean Mackiewicz

Well, now you're making me feel bad... kind of... not really. It was worth it. It's an awesome issue. Just wait until you see it.

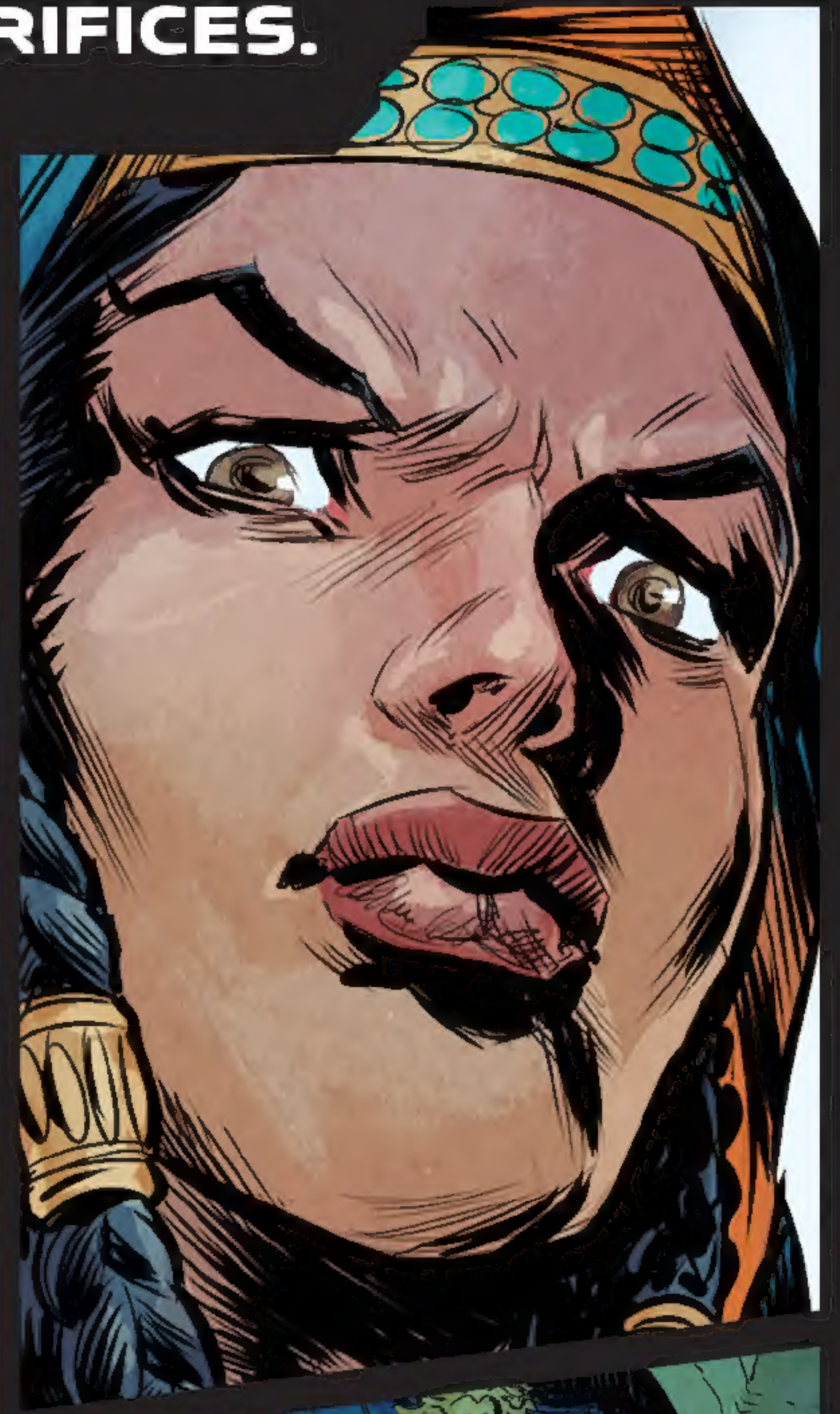
-Robert Kirkman

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